

REPORT
OF THE
SELECTMEN, OVERSEERS OF POOR,
AUDITORS,
AND
SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,
OF THE
TOWN OF HILLSBOROUGH,
FOR THE
YEAR ENDING FEB. 17, 1868.

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REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN.

There has been passed to the account of the Treasurer during the last fiscal year—

The amount on hand, as per last report	\$ 392 78
The amount of town tax	7,990 52
The amount received of Ephraim Dutton on account of Dutton & Newell, as sureties on the bond of Oliver F. Nelson	2,576 21
The amount received of Carlos Nelson on account of O. F. Nelson, being in part for amount of deficit in said O. F. Nelson's account as Treasurer	500 00
And the amount of money borrowed, and received from other sources, the particulars of which will be given in the Auditors' report	18,526 82

Making a total of \$29,986 33

And we have drawn from the Treasury by orders as follows:

MISCELLANEOUS TOWN ORDERS.

To Horace Marcy, for powder, nails, &c., for highways and bridges	\$13 46
Hiram Monroe, services of town auditors	24 00
Hiram Fales, boarding auditors, selectmen and horse keeping	45 00
Brooks K. Webber, services and expenses in suit Hillsborough vs. Nichols	35 55
Winslow Wellington, abatement of poll tax	3 60
James F. Briggs, attorney's fees	10 00
Horace Barker, services and expenses as selectman after counting day	19 25
Henry J. Burnham, repairing highway	4 35
B. K. Webber, attorney's fees	5 00
George Jones, labor on Symonds bridge	3 00

Gilman Murdough, repairing County road	7 79
C. Cooledge, cash paid services and expenses of committee on Nelson's suits	142 69
Moses E. Sargent, damage on highway	72 00
Franklin Gray, railing highway	12 06
John Cooledge, repairing Roach bridge	9 71
Joseph Livermore, repairing turnpike	87 74
Ophelia A. Blood, abatement of tax	61 71
Horace Marcy, purchase of liquor	743 66
Reuben E. Loveren, clearing sluice under Hillsborough bridge	11 25
Henry McClure, abatement of over tax	7 48
Nathaniel Smith, do poll tax	3 79
N. P. Greene, bill stationery	15 44
John Allen, repairing highway	16 80
Daniel F. Murdough, do	31 50
John Cooledge do	2 70
Alvah C. Gould do	26 75
O. P. Greenleaf & Co., horse hire	4 75
Charles Kempfield, repairing highway	5 81
John McAllister, plank for bridge	7 18
Samuel S. Howard, repairing highway	47 80
John Harriman, do	7 87
George H. Clark 2d do	3 50
Eugene T. Barker do	7 00
James J. Murdough do	7 00
David P. Jones do	7 50
Aaron Woods do	16 75
George Hazen do	15 90
William B. Shaw do	7 87
Robert G. Carr, powder and use of drills	2 94
Walter P. Straw, services as police	6 00
George F. Sleeper do	6 00
John Codman do	6 00
Alvah Merrill do	6 00
William S. Taggard do	6 00
Francis B. Scribner do	6 00
William S. Taggard, widening highway and planking bridges	163 83
George Brockway, repairing highway	9 62
Charles O. Murdough do	10 00
Robert Robertson do	5 05
Theron B. Newman, making ballot box	3 75
Joseph Livermore, repairing highway	10 70
Hiram A. Davis do	5 25

Campbell & Hanscom, printing reports	50 00
James H. Ray, abatement of over tax	53
B. K. Webber, services as S. S. committee	100 00
C. Cooledge, cash paid for stationery, express and boarding selectmen	54 90
J. O. Teele, services and expenses in prosecution of O. F. Nelson	36 80
Noah Jackson & Co., damage on highway	15 00
Samuel K. Martin, lumber for sluice	1 50
Stephen Farrar, repairing bridge and plank	4 85
Benjamin Tuttle, bridge plank	1 36
Nathan Kendall, snowing covered bridge and building fence	6 58
Stephen A. Brown, powder, plow, and work on turnpike	28 85
Wm. B. Whittemore, services as town clerk	25 00
Wm. B. Whittemore, drawing jurors and notifying meetings	9 00
Wm. B. Whittemore, recording births and deaths	9 66
J. C. Campbell, services as town treasurer	75 00
Levi Shedd, abatement of tax	1 34
Thomas Wilson, do	47
Eugene Barker, work on Beard road	1 50
Silas N. Sawyer, support of watering trough	2 00
Charles D. Robbins, support of watering trough	3 00
S. Dow Wyman, do do	3 00
C. H. Grinnell, do do	2 00
Charles Bumford, do do	2 00
Thomas Wilson, do do	2 00
Franklin Gray, work on highway	1 48
A. B. Kimball & Co., snowing hill at bridge	3 60
Nathan Kendall, abatement non-resident highway tax	50 93
Nathan Kendall, services as collector	60 00
Nathan Kendall, abatement and suspension of sundry taxes	95 37
George H. Clark, support of watering trough	3 00
John Muzzy, jr., boarding selectmen	12 50
John C. Campbell, cash paid on notes, interest and endorsements	19,436 91
Stephen A. Brown, services as selectman and cash paid out	97 10
George Brockway, do do do do	120 05
C. Cooledge, do do do do	163 20
Whole amount of miscellaneous town orders,	\$22,282 83

BREAKING ROAD ORDERS.

Russell T. Noyes, Dist. 1,	\$19 20	Geo. G. Richardson,	21,	52 53	
Stillman S. Eaton,	2,	8 92	Alonzo Tuttle,	22,	19 81
Daniel D. Bailey,	3,	24 72	Edward J. Dunbar,	23,	20 09
Lyman Dow,	4,	17 90	William E. Gay,	24,	31 55
Edward N. Jones,	5,	28 95	Nathaniel Taylor,	25,	27 30
Lorenzo D. Hines,	6,	28 55	Clark Whitcomb,	26,	49 35
John McNiel,	7,	20 89	David Kimball,	27,	11 70
Enoch Sawyer.	8,	42 71	William Merrill,	28,	12 74
Charles Gibson,	9,	23 85	Carlos Nelson,	29,	20 55
Joseph H. Lovering,	10,	18 70	Hiram Monroe,	31,	35 00
James Monroe,	11,	24 17	Edward Kimball,	32,	21 30
Daniel Smith,	12,	75 84	Gilman Murdough,	33,	52 04
William Ayers 2d,	13,	55 85	Stephen Farrar	35,	12 35
Lewis Vickery,	14,	43 46	Benjamin Newman,	36,	21 22
Stephen B. Chase,	15,	21 23	Charles Kempfield,	37,	12 75
Imri Davis,	16,	76 15	Elijah Kimball,	38,	5 55
Hiram Brockway,	17,	68 66	C. E. Potter in 1864 & '65,	13 50	
Isaac N. Currier,	18,	32 69	G. W. Burnham,	8 00	
Eben T. Danforth,	19,	36 23	Wm. H. Mannahan,	11 00	
John Allen,	20,	41 85			
Whole amount breaking road orders				\$1,148 85	

SCHOOL ORDERS.

DIST. No.		DIST. No.	
1. Charles Gillis	\$310 78	12. C. W. Sturtevant	58 34
2. D. B. Burbank	53 07	13. C. Kempfield	57 33
3. Luke Merrill	65 32	14. J. W. Gould	46 53
4. A. C. Holt	72 55	15. Eli Carter	63 10
5. George Jones	60 21	16. D. F. Murdough	45 28
6. M. J. Spaulding	117 74	17. I. N. Currier	97 08
8. Simon Perkins	47 61	18. Abram Kimball	54 14
8. George Hazen	67 36	19. J. Scott Moore	20 15
9. Joel Temple	69 14		
10. John Goodale	71 27	Total	\$1,449 50
11. Elijah Blanchard	72 40		

POOR ORDERS.

To C. Cooledge, for cash paid town of Bradford for support of Henry B. Kimball	\$47 15
C. Cooledge, expense at Manchester about Conner boy at House of Reformation	6 55
David B. Gould, in full for services on poor farm to March 27th, 1867	150 00
Town of Henniker, support of James M. Flanders	15 94

John Small, coffin for Mrs. Nancy Kimball	8 00
N. H. Asylum, support of Mrs. Ruth H. Nichols	224 46
Moses E. Sargent, expense of burial of Mrs. Kimball	5 00
David B. Gould, in part services on poor farm in 1867	150 00
George Brockway, work on poor farm	35 00
Town of Deering, support of Mrs. C. M. Kimball	7 00
City of Manchester, support of Clarence W. Conner at House of Reformation	52 00
David B. Gould, in part for services on poor farm in 1867	150 00
George Brockway, services as overseer of poor	4 00
Stephen A. Brown, do do	2 00
C. Cooledge, do do	22 87
Total poor orders	<u>\$879 97</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Total amount paid to treasurer	\$29,986 33
Total amount of orders drawn upon treasurer :	
Miscellaneous orders	\$22,282 83
Breaking Road do	1,148 85
School do	1,449 50
Poor do	879 97
	<u>\$25,761 15</u>
Leaving in hands of treasurer, February 17th, 1868,	\$4,225 18

The large balance of cash in the treasury has just been received, and would have been paid out before closing the account for the year, but for the fact that several large notes will have to be paid immediately. The cash on hand at all times during the year, has been comparatively small, but we have been able thus far, to meet all obligations on demand, though we have several times been obliged to borrow at the bank.

The careful consideration of the people of the town is respectfully called to our large floating debt. It must be apparent to any observer, that with our debt in its present condition, it is positively necessary to be able to pay all notes when presented, in order to maintain the credit of the town unimpaired; and we will add, that to be able to do so, requires the constant care and anxiety of the treasurer, and also of the selectmen, and in no small degree tends to increase the current expenses of the town.

AMOUNT OF STOCK ON HAND AT POOR FARM, FEB. 10, 1868.

6 oxen	\$510 00	160 bu. potatoes	128 00
7 cows	285 00	Lot vegetables	1 50
4 3-years-old	145 00	80 lbs dried apples	9 60
7 2-years-old	175 00	Lot dried pumpkin	1 00
6 yearlings	70 00	Lot dried sage	50
18 sheep	50 00	8 gallons apple sauce	2 67
3 shoats	25 00	5 gallons boiled cider	5 00
16 hens	12 00	3 bushels salt	2 70
23 tons English hay	414 00	25 lbs. candles	4 17
11 tons meadow hay	85 00	4 dozen eggs	1 33
115 bushels corn	172 50	$\frac{1}{4}$ bbl. flour	3 50
25 bu. oats	18 75	1 lb. tea	1 00
$1\frac{1}{4}$ bu. beans	5 00	6 lbs. sugar	84
300 lbs. pork	39 00	3 lbs. tobacco	1 50
250 lbs. beef	25 00	1 gallon molasses	60
217 lbs. hams	28 00	Lot spices	1 50
50 lbs. sausages	8 33	Lot matches	30
122 lbs. fresh meat	12 00	Lot hops	25
30 lbs. butter	10 00	17 lbs. yarn	21 25
160 lbs. cheese	24 00	8 prs. socks	4 00
75 lbs. lard	12 50	18 yds. frocking	13 50
45 lbs. tallow	4 95	$11\frac{1}{2}$ yds. cloth	11 50
3 bbls. soap	15 00	Lot leather	7 95
1 bbl. vinegar	10 00	Lot shingles	8 00
3 bbls. cider	15 00	Lot lumber	12 00
Lot apples	4 00		
4 gallons pickles	2 00	Total	\$2,421 19

DAVID B. GOULD'S CASH ACCOUNT AT POOR FARM, FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 10, 1868.

Amount Received on account of the Farm:

For 73 prs. socks	38 33	Lot wood	1 80
26 lbs. lard	4 17	Lot vinegar, &c.	78
21 gallons soap	4 20	43 lbs. chickens	7 74
$\frac{1}{2}$ ton hay	4 00	78 $\frac{1}{2}$ doz. eggs	18 34
12 yds. frocking	9 02	Hides and skin	12 44
4 bush. small potatoes	1 25	Pelts	2 30
123 lbs. cheese	18 66	1 pr. steers and interest	122 45
524 lbs butter	153 63	Boot between cattle	3 00
5 bush corn	7 50	14 lambs	28 00
8 bush. oats	5 30	Pasturing and keeping colt	19 00
17 lbs. rolls	9 02	4 pigs	10 00
Lot yarn	10 46	Work off the farm	28 60
2 prs. mittens	1 00	County of Hillsboro'	5 57
1 kettle	2 00	Rachel Gibson	48 00
Lot apples	3 19	Mary Ball	28 00
Lot rags	1 39		
Lot soap grease	32	Total	\$610 63
Lot neats foot oil	1 12		

CASH PAID ON ACCOUNT OF FARM.

For rye meal	\$2 70	D. Collins, shoe work	2 83
Mending tin	35	B. Priest, blacksmith bill	10 95

Grass seed	2 13	H. Marcy's bill	4 13
Baskets	1 25	C. A. Whittemore's bill	1 98
Tin ware	1 85	J. S. Butler's bill	12 06
1 pail	58	Henry Andrew's bill	1 00
3 butter tubs	1 65	J. Q. A. French's bill	2 50
Fixing saws	45	C. R. Gould's bill	9 50
6 butter tubs	3 30	Geo. G. Richardson's bill	1 98
1 lb. saltpeter	25	E. Dutton's bill	17 16
$\frac{1}{2}$ lb. indigo	85	B. Dutton's bill	93 23
1 bush. rye	1 50	J. J. Murdough, work	105 25
1 bottle essence	20	A. G. Proctor, work	14 00
Salt	1 50	Brooms and pail	1 05
Sole leather	4 95	Carding wool	5 58
A. K. Spaulding, work	20 00	I. N. Currier, work	13 72
J. Small, coffin	8 00	Alonzo Robbins, work	26 70
Digging grave	2 50		
Threshing grain	3 74	Total	\$384 72
Making cider	2 50	Cash to town treasurer	225 91
Sled Beams	35		
Stage fare	50		\$610 63

RECAPITULATION OF POOR FARM ACCOUNT.

THE FARM, DR.

To amount stock on hand last year	\$2,431 65
Services of agent to March 27, 1868	350 00
Expenses paid by agent	384 72
Order paid G. Brockway	35 00
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By amount stock on hand this year	\$2,421 19
" received by agent	610 63
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Leaving	\$169 55

There is due the town for keeping cow and for hay sold some \$50.00, which will go into next year's account.

LIST OF NOTES OUTSTANDING FEBRUARY 17TH, 1868.

Tamma Smith	\$100 00	Sarah W. Robbins	50 00
Joseph Livermore	300 00	G. H. & H. J. Clark	700 00
Mary E. Vickery	200 00	Judson A. Senter	100 00
Henry Smith	200 00	Gardner Atwood	400 00
Franklin Gray	300 00	Harvey Spaulding	350 00
Abel C. Burnham	561 67	Sarah Colburn	425 00
Levi Shedd	500 00	Truman M. Straw	500 00
David Kimball	400 00	Levi F. Wilson	200 00
George D. Goodell	500 00	Jane N. Jones	150 00
Simou Hartwell	270 00	Joseph Livermore	128 19
Eben Towne	100 00	James Wood	150 00
Mary D. Towne	100 00	Abigail Colby	350 00
Clarinda Upton	700 00	Levi F. Wilson	125 00
Hiram Brockway	110 00	Calvin Vickery	100 00
Lucrétia Averill	264 00	Charles Smith	100 00
Aaron Barnes, 3 notes	1,550 00	Eliza J. Severance	100 00
Betsey Barnes	100 00	George Cheney	200 00
George F. Livermore	173 38	James Wood	150 00

Tamma Smith	877 84	Reuben Lewis	2,000 00
Sarah C. Curtis	2000 00	Mary Nichols	40 00
Rodney Smith	212 83	Louisa Smith	370 00
Charles Smith	100 00	Sarah H. Burnham	340 00
Samuel Smith	50 00	Levi F. Wilson	200 00
Hannah S. Tuttle	500 00	Abel H. Fuller	1,000 00
Mary E. Tuttle	200 00	Wm. O. Heath	300 00
Mary A. Sawyer	100 00	Baxter Codman	125 00
Joel Severance, 2d	280 00	Rebecca Gibson	40 00
David Roach	70 00	Othni Crosby	60 00
Silas Blanchard	90 00	Stephen A. Brown	500 00
Roxanna Blanchard	100 00	John S. Shedd	400 00
Jane N. Jones	65 00	Albert D. Thissell	200 00
Mark Symonds	532 00	Norriss Thissell	110 00
David Fuller	1,100 00	E. W. Esty	100 00
Dolly T. Wilkins	1,200 00	Ellen S. Smith	140 00
Clarissa Stowe	100 00	David Kimball	30 00
Harriet N. Gould	170 00	Edward Kendall	100 00
Sarah W. Robbins	150 00	James S. Butler	1,450 00
Hannah Batchelder	50 00	Mary B. Fox	400 00
Betsey Appleton	100 00	Alex. Caldwell	250 00
Ira S. Appleton	439 00	Rebecca Gregg	850 00
Achsah Gammell	321 25	Mary A. Forsaith	250 00
Maria Severance	100 00	Sarah Taggart	13 00
Calvin Vickery	100 00	Mary E. Gould	50 00
Nancy J. Adsett	235 61	David Fuller	200 00
William Booth	1,700 00	Mark Symonds	200 00
Parmelia Lovejoy	360 50	C. Cooledge	150 00
Dorcas Wilkins	104 37	Hugh Hoyt	100 00
Lucinda Blanchard	50 00	H. B. Newman	1,000 00
Jonathan Danforth	250 00	David Fuller	300 00
Enoch Sawyer	760 00	Elizabeth McClure	160 00
Edward Kimball	337 03	Aaron Barnes	100 00
Mary E. Morse	135 00	Edgar Hazen	128 00
David Davis	100 00	Silas Blanchard	200 00
Mercy A. Carrier	108 93	Joseph Livermore	200 00
Mary E. Gould	121 27	David Kimball	200 00
Susan P. Livermore	125 00	Charles Smith	100 00
Parker Kimball	265 00	Jesse Wagner	300 00
Sarah Taggard	212 00	S. M. Dinsmore	75 00
Sarah C. Fuller	206 93	John Cooledge	500 00
Louisa Robertson	102 69	Achsah Gammell	200 00
Edward S. Kendall	100 00	Susan P. Livermore	136 00
Milton McCoy, 2 notes	1,000 00	Levi F. Wilson	125 00
C. Cooledge	300 00	Walter Thompson	75 00
Levi Goodale, admr.	356 50	William Ayers, 2d	150 00
do do	58 67	John G. Flint	150 00
do do	771 57	Jane N. Jones	200 00
Mary Goodale	440 67	Edward Kendall	50 00
Levi Goodale	1,051 67	Silas Tandy	425 00
Thomas N. Goodale, 2 notes,	1,087 27	C. Cooledge	100 00
Rodney Clement	323 15	Charles Smith	100 00
E. A. Bickford	500 00	Rodney Smith	100 00
Daniel Templeton	104 50	Warren W. Hill	443 00
Peter H. Rumrell	101 70	Albert J. Gray	267 00

Jonathan Sargent	100 00	Alex. Caldwell	100 00
Sarah Rumrell	128 13	Edward Kendall	80 00
Nancy Wilkins	998 46	Nancy J. Adsett	100 00
Amos Colby	225 00	Charles Sawyer	250 00
James Baldwin	500 00	Joshua Gilson	1,000 00
Elias Smith	350 00		
Nathn'l Smith	184 54	Total	\$48,853 32
Baxter Codman	100 00		
Amount of town notes outstanding			\$48,853 32
Cash in treasury			4,225 18
Leaving the town in debt			\$44,628 14
Amount of debt last year			\$48,339 22
Decrease of debt since last year			\$3,711 08

Respectfully submitted,

CORNELIUS COOLEIDGE, } Selectmen
STEPHEN A. BROWN, } of
GEORGE BROCKWAY, } Hillsborough.

Hillsborough, Feb. 17, 1868.

AUDITORS' REPORT.

The undersigned, having been chosen Auditors of Town Accounts at the last annual town meeting, have attended to that duty, and hereby report that there has been received into the town treasury as follows:

Remaining in the hands of the Treasurer last counting day	\$892 78	Charles Sawyer	500 00
Received of Nathan Ken- dall, Collector,		Jesse Wagner	300 00
Town tax	6,000 00	S. M. Dinsmore	75 00
do School tax	1,088 00	John Cooleidge	500 00
do Overlay	442 71	Achsah Gammell	200 00
do non-resident highway	65 81	Susan P. Livermore	136 00
do dog tax	94 00	Valley Bank	200 00
do extra school tax	300 00	Levi F. Wilson	125 00
Received of selectmen on ac- count of Dutton & Newell	241 21	Walter Thompson	75 00
Borrowed as follows:		Wm. Ayer, 2d	150 00
Othni Crosby	60 00	John G. Flint	150 00
Stephen A. Brown	500 00	Jane M. Jones	200 00
John S. Shedd	40 00	Edward Kendall	50 00
Albert D. Thissell	300 00	Silas Tandy	425 00
Norris Thissell	110 00	C. Cooleidge and E. Hazen,	1,819 31
E. W. Esty	100 00	administrators	100 00
Ellen S. Smith	140 00	C. Cooleidge	100 00
David Kimball	30 00	Charles Smith	100 00
Valley Bank	500 00	Rodney Smith	100 00
Valley Bank	500 00	W. W. Hill	443 00
		Albert J. Gray	267 00
		Edward Kendall	100 00
		Alex. Caldwell	100 00
		Edward Kendall	80 00

Sarah Taggard	13 00	James S. Butler	1,450 00
Mary E. Gould	50 00	Mary B. Fox	400 00
David Fuller	200 00	Alex. Caldwell	250 00
O. S. Carey	225 00	Nancy J. Adsett	100 00
Mark Symonds	200 00	Charles Sawyer	250 00
C. Cooledge	150 00	Rebecca Gregg	850 00
Hugh Hoyt	173 00	Received of Selectmen:	
C. D. Hoyt	270 70	On account of O. F. Nelson	300 00
F. J. Haggans	11 48	Savings Bank tax	255 31
H. B. Newman	1,000 00	Error in tax list	61 36
David Fuller	300 00	Railroad tax	105 89
Elizabeth McClure	160 00	Literary fund	67 20
John P. Gibson	400 00	U. S. bounties	226 00
Aaron Barnes	100 00	On account of O. F. Nelson	200 00
Edgar Hazen	128 00	do Dutton & Newell	2,335 00
Silas Blanchard	200 00	Horace Marcy, cash advanced	
Joseph Livermore	200 00	to liquor agent	743 66
David Kimball	200 00	David B. Gould for articles	
Nancy J. Adsett	25 00	sold from poor farm	225 91
Charles Smith	100 00		
Charles Sawyer	450 00	Total receipts	\$20,986 33
Reuben A. Gerry	150 00		

Which has been accounted for by orders from the selectmen, as follows:

Amount of miscellaneous town orders	\$22,282 83
do breaking road orders	1,148 85
do Poor orders	879 97
do School orders	1,449 50
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	\$25,761 15

Leaving in the hands of the treasurer, Feb. 17th, 1868 \$4,225 18

MARK W. FULLER, }
HIRAM MONROE, } Auditors.
NATHAN KENDALL, }

Hillsborough, Feb. 24, 1868.

SCHOOL REPORT.

Your schools, as a general thing, have been very prosperous. Many of the teachers employed were teachers of much merit. The scholars have been ambitious and industrious to an unusual extent. The parents have shown a greater degree of interest in the welfare of the schools than is usual in this town, and another year of similar interest, prosperity and progress, will render the saying, that "the Hillsborough schools are very backward," unjust

Many of the obstacles heretofore in the way of good schools have disappeared; but some still remain—the most formidable of which are tardiness and undue amount of dismissals. Now, these two obstacles can be removed by the parents, and by them alone. Let the parents see to it that their children are at the school house at nine in the morning, and that they remain there till four in the afternoon. Do not allow the hours of study to be broken in upon in the future as they have been in the past, if you would have your children educated. Let them do the chores and run of errands early in the morning and after school at night; but do not take from your children any portion of the six hours set apart for mental improvement.

There should be mural maps, a globe and a large dictionary, in every school room in town. Now let the parents and children in each district where these indispensable articles are yet wanting, raise funds, by contribution or otherwise, sufficient to purchase them.

More attention should be paid to keeping our school houses healthy, comfortable and attractive. A friend of education kindly handed your committee some suggestions upon this point, which are added in full:

"We believe that teachers and parents should make it a special duty to see that the circumstances under which children study are such as shall leave a

happy impression upon their minds. Young scholars will gradually and unconsciously become like what they most look upon. Little children are wonderfully susceptible for good or evil.

Shabby school houses induce slovenly habits. Unswept floors induce cobwebby brains. Ill-made benches not only warp and dwarf the body, but, by reflux influence, the mind as well. Why are children so often discouraged and even disgusted at schools? The answer is evident. Because the school houses seem as prisons and the furniture instruments of torture.

No matter how old or unfashionable your school house—above all things keep it clean. Hide its sombre walls with pictures, embower its weather-beaten exterior with flower vines, and decorate its yard with shrubbery. Then will the feathered songster come and carol welcomes to your children; then the young boys and girls that enter its doors love beauty. They will be enchanted as if by sweet magic; and their minds will be awakened to learning and virtuous instructions, with links of gold, brightening and strengthening forever and ever."

DISTRICT NO. 1.

SUMMER TERM.—*Grammar School.* Miss Frances M. Butler, Hillsborough. This was a profitable term. Teacher and scholars were industrious. Improvement good.

Primary School. Miss Helen D. Grimes, Hillsborough. This school did well. The teacher was active and energetic, and the scholars eager to learn.

WINTER TERM.—*Grammar School.* Miss Eliza Gillis of Francetown. This term was a marked success. Parents, teacher and scholars were all universally interested and labored earnestly for the good of the school.

Primary School. Miss Grimes—summer teacher. In consequence of a slight misunderstanding your committee was not present at the examination; yet, from the knowledge he has of the facts, he feels bound to say that the term was a success.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

No Summer Term.

WINTER TERM.—Miss Alvira E. Forsaith of Deering. Miss F. is one of the best of teachers, and though your committee, in consequence of a misunderstanding, was not at the examination, he feels confident that the term was a very profitable one.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

SUMMER TERM.—Miss Abbie S. McClintock, Hillsborough. Good order; excellent improvement; everything satisfactory, as is generally the case with Miss McC.'s schools.

WINTER TERM.—Miss Mary M. Patten of Henniker. The district did very well in securing the services of Miss P. Order good and the improvement very fair.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

SUMMER TERM.—Miss Helen M. Burt of Hillsborough. This school was composed of small scholars, and the teacher was an excellent one for them. Good order—good improvement.

WINTER TERM.—This term was commenced by Miss Elmira Martin of Hillsborough, but in consequence of some dissatisfaction on the part of the district the teacher withdrew from the school, and the term was completed by

Miss Amoretta Hopkins. Miss H. is an able teacher and has given the district an excellent school.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

SUMMER TERM.—Miss Jenny A. Wilson of Hillsborough. This was Miss W.'s first attempt at teaching, and it was quite a successful one. Good order and improvement.

WINTER TERM.—Miss Celestia Carr of Hillsborough. This was a quiet and orderly school; teacher and scholars were very much engaged. Good order and improvement.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

SUMMER TERM.—Miss Martha J. Shattuck, Antrim. Miss S. did valuable service in this school. While under her care the scholars became quite orderly and studious. All are satisfied.

WINTER TERM.—Miss Martha A. Muzzy of Deering. Miss M. continued the good work begun by the summer teacher, and the term was a success. Order good and the improvement very fine.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

No Summer Term.

WINTER TERM.—Miss May L. Kelso of New Boston. This was a small school—only two scholars—kept in a private house. Miss K. was industrious, and the scholars made good progress.

DISTRICT NO. 8.

SUMMER TERM.—Miss Lucy Steele of Antrim. This was a very pleasant school, and the improvement was good. The scholars, with the exception of some of the larger ones, were very orderly.

WINTER TERM.—Miss Georgia B. Howard, Hillsborough. Very good order; fair improvement.

Let the scholars in this district cultivate habits of study.

DISTRICT NO. 9.

SUMMER TERM.—Miss Augusta C. Eaton, Bradford. The improvement in this school was very fair. Some of the scholars in this school are in the habit of making too much noise with their lips while learning their lessons. More energy on the part of the teacher would have secured better order.

WINTER TERM.—Miss Serena P. Whitney of Stoddard. This was one of the most valuable schools in town. Miss W.'s manner of instruction was unsurpassed. There was marked improvement in all branches, especially in geography and mental arithmetic. Order good.

DISTRICT NO. 10.

SUMMER TERM.—Miss Georgia A. Howard of Hillsborough. Miss H. did well in this school and gave satisfaction to the district. Order fair and improvement very good.

WINTER TERM.—Miss Frances M. Butler of Hillsborough. This was one of Miss B.'s best efforts. The school was a profitable one.

DISTRICT NO. 11.

SUMMER TERM.—Miss Angie A. Ray, of Hillsborough. A very small school of very small scholars. Both teacher and scholars worked hard, and the result was very gratifying.

WINTER TERM.—Miss Abbie M. Johnson, of Bradford. No. of scholars small—teacher was faithful—order and improvement good.

DISTRICT NO. 12.

SUMMER TERM.—Miss Mary Allen, of Hillsborough. Your Committee was not informed of the close of this school—hence was not at the examination, but from the knowledge he has of the facts he feels bound to say that Miss A. tried to keep a good school.

WINTER TERM.—Miss Nettie Hazen, Hillsborough. This was one of Miss H.'s most successful terms; great improvement especially in reading.

DISTRICT NO. 13.

SUMMER TERM.—Miss Louisa A. McClintock, of Hillsborough. This was Miss McC.'s first effort and it was successful; order and progress satisfactory.

WINTER TERM.—Mr. Amos Colly, of Hillsborough. Mr. C. is an old teacher and a very good one. He labored faithfully to instruct his pupils, and the improvement was good. The order was not quite what it should have been.

DISTRICT NO. 14.

SUMMER TERM.—Miss Ellen E. Gould, of Hillsborough. This was Miss G.'s first school and she gave very good satisfaction. Improvement and order very fair.

WINTER TERM.—Miss Melissa M. Wilkins, Hillsborough. This was Miss W.'s first attempt at school teaching. The school at the close seemed to be in a very good condition.

DISTRICT NO. 15.

No Summer Term.

WINTER TERM.—Miss Lizzy H. Farrar of Hillsborough. As notice of the close of this school did not reach your Committee, he was not at the examination; but he is informed, however, that the term was one of profit and that all concerned were satisfied.

DISTRICT. NO. 16.

Both SUMMER and WINTER TERMS by Miss Nellie M. Roach, of Hillsborough. These terms were highly successful and Miss R. has shown herself one of the most thorough instructors, and one of the most industrious, in town. Improvement and order excellent.

DISTRICT NO. 17.

Both SUMMER and WINTER TERMS by Miss Nettie Hazen, of Hillsborough. Both terms highly successful. Teacher and scholars did themselves great honor.

DISTRICT NO. 18.

No Summer Term.

WINTER TERM.—Mr. John Kimball, of Hillsborough. The improvement at this school was good—order fair. Mr. K. is a fine scholar and works hard for his pupils.

DISTRICT NO. 19.

No Summer Term.

WINTER TERM.—Miss Lucy A. Tuttle, of Antrim. A small school, but Miss T. found enough to do. Improvement and order good.

A tabular view is annexed. All of which is respectfully submitted by

BROOKS K. WEBBER,

Superintending School Committee.

TABULAR STATEMENT.

No. of Districts.		No. of scholars not absent one Winter. } half day. Summer. }		No. of instances of dismissal.		No. of instances of tardiness.		No. of visits by citizens and others.		No. of visits by Prudential Committee.		No. of visits by S. S. Committee.		Length of school in weeks. Winter. } Summer. }		No. teachers who have attended Teach. Inst.		No. of female teachers employed.		No. of male teachers employed.		Wages of teachers a month, in- cluding board. Winter. } Summer. }		No. scholars between 4 and 14 not attending.		Average attendance during the year.		Whole No. of scholars attend- ing school two weeks and over. Winter. } Summer. }	
*1	13	5	70	144	28			4	10	9	2	2									\$36 00	\$24 00		39	1-4	55	33		
†1	1							1	17		1	1									20 00			10	1-2	12			
2	1		10	12	8			2	9½	10½	2	2									24 00	16 00	2	11		10	14		
3	4	4	11	5	13	1		3	8	9	1	3									24 00	22 00	9	8		11	8		
4	3	1	6	49	46			4	11	9		2									21 00	16 00		11	1 5	12	11		
5		6	4	16	30			5	12	12	2	2									28 00	21 00	8	31	7-12	32	36		
6	6	4	53	204	84	2		2	13												20 00			2		2			
7	2		1	6	2			4	11	7		2									23 00	20 00	2	15	1-2	16	13		
8	6	5	13	18	26			4	8	7½		2									26 00	16 00	2	7	1-2	13	7		
9	1	5	3	42	30			4	12	8	1	2									24 00	20 00		16	1-2	20	17		
10	4	6	6	11	35			4	8½	7		2									20 00	14 00	3	9		6	17		
11		3	7	11	11			3	8	5		2									24 00	9 00		23	2-3	26	22		
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13	6	4	34	84	53			4	6	6		2									22 00	16 00	1	8	8-11	10	8		
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* Grammar School. † Primary School. ‡ Register not in.

LIST OF TEXT BOOKS.

Hillard's new series of Readers, Worcester's Spellers, Greenleaf's series of Arithmetics, with Colburn's Mental, Brown's Grammar, Warren's Geographies, Greenleaf's Algebras, Quackenbos' History of the United States.

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